

I am Hugh Metheny from Middletown, Maryland.  
As a broadcast announcer, I find that there is no longer any place for my talents in local radio.

Consolidation of announcers and on air personalities has made it almost impossible for me to continue my career.

And what about all the thousands of other unemployed announcers and radio station employees whose jobs have been taken by large corporate consolidation or forced to work for minimum wages.

Shame on the FCC and our elected officials.

Our local stations are no longer locally owned and that represents not only a loss of employment opportunity but a loss of local access to the broadcast media in my area to a community that wants their own local radio stations.

The programming is bland and does not consider the local color and more importantly is not responsive to the needs and tastes of the local community.

Radio belongs to our hometown not out-of-town corporations that have little interest in our community.

Also I find there is little opportunity for my children to prepare for a career as musicians.

In most cases, the same music or only the music designated by the large corporate owner can be broadcasted.

Thus, there the music careers of thousands of young people has come to a halt.

Why doesn't the FCC reconsider the 7/7 rule of 7 AM and/or 7FM ownership?

Radio belongs to the local community.

Local news and local issues are no longer considered.

The only surveys taken are those to count the number of listeners .... not what the community wants in programming.

What right does so few have to tell so many what news they will hear, what music they will hear. What is going on?

The same announcers, the same music over and over again is getting old.

We need a local touch in radio.

The FCC has limited the creativity and entertainment options for everyone.

Whatever happened to the Low Power Station Opportunities? We could surely use a local station here in my hometown.

The FCC should think of the listener first not the few owners who have destroyed employment opportunities and entertainment options.

It's not right, and you know it.

You know we don't like it, and you are not doing anything about it.

Do the right thing, and make radio a local option again.